

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Jeffrey Kwong.

Information: Although a Republican, Applicant has worked with both Democrats and Republicans, as he was an intern for a Democratic member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and worked as an intern for the George W. Bush White House.

Staff discovered that Applicant submitted four letters to the Harvard newspaper, *The Crimson*, that were published in the newspaper. In the first letter, Applicant protested the removal of a political cartoonist from the newspaper's staff after allegations related to plagiarism were leveled against her. In the second letter, he criticized Harvard for having a "pro-choice" policy yet offering no support services to assist women choosing not to terminate an unplanned pregnancy. In the third letter, he decried what he considered anti-gay demagoguery by *The Salient*, Harvard's underground conservative newspaper. In the final letter, Applicant praised Harvard conservatives and the Harvard Republican Club for being more inclusive when holding public events and argued that such inclusiveness must continue in order for conservatism and the Republican Party to be successful at Harvard and in the country overall.

In addition to the many volunteer activities listed by Applicant on his supplemental application, staff discovered that Applicant was active in the Harvard Knights of Columbus, which is a fraternal organization whose mission is to encourage fraternity and benevolence among its members, to promote tolerance, to encourage civic loyalty, and to protect the interests of the Roman Catholic Church.

Recommendation: None.

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations.

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